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CZECHS TAKE STEPS TO DEVELOP AGRICULTURE

EMPHASIZES ORDER PROHIBITING SHEEP SLAUGHTERING -- Bratislava, Pravda, 29 Mar 51

The official announcement of 19 October 1950 prohibited slaughtering of all sheep, whether rams, ewes, or wethers. Written permission from the Local National Committee is required to slaughter any sheep. The Local National Committees, the Economic Control Service, and other control organs have strict orders to supervise the prohibition order.

In an effort to expand sheep raising, it has been arranged that sheep raisers are to get a single ration of 25 kilograms of solid fodder for each sheep over 14 days old, provided that the birth of the lamb has been reported to the Local National Committee. The ration is to be made available within 30 days after the birth of the lamb.

SET UP ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION SCHOOL -- Prague, Zemedelske Noviny, 24 Mar 51

A recent government decree has ordered the Czechos Tovak State Farms and organs of the people's administration to do everything possible to introduce artificial insemination of cattle throughout the country. The Ministry of Agriculture has taken over the training of insemination technicians.

The Ministry's training establishment in Hrusovany nad Jevisovkou in Brno Kraj has already trained over 500 insemination technicians in one year of operation. The courses last 7 weeks and include both political and technical training.

TO RAISE MORE WOOL AND SILK -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 7 Feb 51

To raise the quantity and quality of the domestic wool output, Czechoslovakia plans to breed twice as many sheep as in the past, with special emphasis on high yields of wool.

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Sericulture is to be expanded by increased cultivation of mulberry trees. In 1950, 12 million saplings were transplanted and seed for 20 million trees was planted. Before the end of the Five-Year Plan, 100 million mulberry trees are scheduled to be planted.

PRODUCE NEW LIQUID COMPOST SPRINKLER -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 30 Dec 50

A new liquid compost sprinkler has been developed in Czechoslovakia. Up to 6 hectares per day can be fertilized with this implement. This sprinkler makes it possible to apply compost fertilizer during the period of plant growth, so that the nitrogen in the compost or liquid manure goes directly to the plant roots. This mechanical method of fertilizing should make it possible to achieve a perhectare yield of 1,600 centners for corn, and from 1,500-1,600 centners for fodder turnips.

Czechoslovak agricultural enterprises will receive 100 of these new liquid manure aprinklers in 1951.

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